

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-33-02

Issued at Sitka, Wednesday, September
18, 2002

Effective 12:01 A.M. Friday,
Date: September 20, 2002

Expiration Date: December 31, 2002, at
11:59 P.M. unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters of Bear Cove east of a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located on the north and south shores of Bear Cove to the possession and retention of coho salmon by sport anglers from September 20 through December 31.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022 (218) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMITS						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/ Shellfish	
(218) BEAR COVE SPECIAL HARVEST AREA, including all waters of Bear Cove east of a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located on the north and south shores of Bear Cove ¹	1A	1D ²	1L,1R	1I	3J,4K	1S,1T	¹ Snagging is prohibited. Any fish hooked elsewhere than in the mouth must be released immediately ² Coho salmon may not be possessed or retained.

Frank Rue

Commissioner

By delegation to:

Bob Chadwick

Sitka Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet brood stock goals due to poor ocean survival. Ocean survival of coho salmon returning this year to Medvejie Hatchery is estimated at 2.5%. This is less than a third of the average (1990 to 2001) of 10.7%. In 1993,1994, and 2001 when ocean survival was at or below 8.8%, brood stocks needs were not met. As of September 17, 2002, no coho salmon have been observed at the hatchery raceway. A closure of the sport fishery is therefore necessary to ensure coho salmon brood stock needs at Medvejie Hatchery are achieved.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, Sitka Area Office, 304 Lake Street, Room 103, Sitka, AK 99835, (907)747-5355.